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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS  
FOR ENCODING AND  
RECORDING IDENTIFYING  
INDICIA FOR ARRAYS OF ROD-  
SHAPED COMMODITIES

Customer No.:

26694

**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants request the entry of the following amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified application:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.